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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/802,235	BASSO ET AL.	
	Examiner Elias Desta	Art Unit 2857	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to amendment filed on October 27, 2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-45.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date July 26, 2005.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

Detailed Action

Response to Argument

1. Applicant's arguments see amendment filed on October 27, 2005, with respect to claims 1, 13, 23, 32, 38, 41 and 44 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10-19, 21, 23-34, 36-38, 41, 42, 44 and 45 has been withdrawn. The Examiner acknowledges the amendments to the drawing and a formal drawing incorporating the changes noted in the annotated drawing should be submitted before issuance.

Allowance

2. Claims 1-45 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In reference to claims 1, 13, 23, 32, 38, 41 and 44: Xu (U.S. PAP 2004/0117682) in view of Hou et al. (IEEE Article, 'Incorporation of Optimal Timeouts into Distributed Real-Time Load Sharing') does not teach that writing one of the timer values for each of the connections to a global timer array. The global clock counter of Xu stores only a single global clock counter value. This clock counter is not an array of multiple timer values. The global clock counter of Xu does not store timer values written from a connection table. Further, Hou et al. does not disclose how timeouts are grouped, written or stored; Hou is concerned with

determining or calculating timeout values for distributed processing tasks rather than a method in which each one of the active connection is associated with a plurality of timers. Xu and Hou et al. does not further teach the method of restarting timer values when date is communicated in relation to a predetermined time interval.

The remaining claims are dependent upon 1, 13, 23, 32, 38, 41 and 44 and contain further limitations.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elias Desta whose telephone number is (571)-272-2214. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (8:30-7:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marc S. Hoff can be reached on (571)-272-2216. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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